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REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending in the present Application and remain for consideration upon entry of the present Response. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1-47 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-46 of copending Application No. 10/648,524. Both the present application and Application No. 10/648,524 were filed on the same date and are presently before the current examiner.

The Applicants extend their appreciation to the examiner for citing claims 1-47 as allowable subject matter. In view of the allowable claims, the fact that the 10/648,524 application has not yet issued into a patent, and that the double patenting rejection is the only rejection remaining, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims. (See, MPEP 804 I.B.)

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0862.

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